

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date : September 27, 2004

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 9(d): Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution 04-32 authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund for habitat and endangered species protection improvements in Upper Las Virgenes Canyon (formerly Ahmanson Ranch), unincorporated Ventura County, and authorizing any budget amendments necessary.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the following resolution rescinding Resolution 04-32 authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund for habitat and endangered species protection improvements in Upper Las Virgenes Canyon (formerly Ahmanson Ranch), unincorporated Ventura County, and authorizing any budget amendments necessary.

Legislative Authority: Section 33215 of the Public Resources Code provides, in part, as follows:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund is hereby established. Money deposited in the fund pursuant to Sections 33202, 33203, 33204, 33205, and 3306 shall be available for the purposes of this division, upon appropriation therefore by the Legislature.

Background: At the March 2004 Conservancy meeting a grant of \$60,000 was authorized for emergency repairs and improvements of the Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve (Ahmanson Ranch). Availability of other funds for these improvements made use of this grant unnecessary. The improvements have been made or are in progress and therefore this resolution and grant can be rescinded and used for other purposes.